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**GOVERNOR LINGLE EXTENDS STATE EMERGENCY
PROCLAMATION THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2006**

Honolulu- With heavy rains and flooding forecast to continue, Governor Linda Lingle has extended an Emergency Proclamation through Sunday, April 9, 2006, covering all four counties in Hawaii *for the purpose of authorizing the expenditure of State moneys, as appropriated, for the speedy and efficient relief of the damages, losses, and suffering resulting from the disaster.* This is the fourth Supplemental Proclamation the Governor has issued since the Emergency Proclamation she signed March 2, 2006 to cover the period when heavy rains started falling February 20, 2006.

Taking note of the Ka Loko dam failure on Kauai, March 14, 2006 that *resulted in a tragic loss of life and property, erosion, and fear of dam failure in other reservoirs,* the Supplemental Proclamation Governor Lingle signed last night authorized and directed *the Director of Civil Defense and the Vice Director of Civil Defense to continue all efforts and measures to complete the inspection of all reservoirs in the State in order to identify any reservoir that poses a danger to the public and take appropriate actions to protect the public health and safety.*

The new Supplemental Proclamation also suspends several State statutes to speed the repair and restoration of the section of Kauai's Kuhio Highway that was damaged by the Ka Loko dam failure.

Governor Lingle's original proclamation activated programs to make personal and commercial loans available to people whose homes or businesses sustained damage caused by the rains; activated the state's Major Disaster Fund to speed relief and recovery; and authorized the use of National Guard troops to assist civilian authorities in disaster relief, averting imminent public danger, and to assist in debris removal.

While the Governor's original proclamation remains in effect, the Supplementary Proclamation issued this afternoon extends State disaster programs and services to the residents and businesses impacted by rains and flooding through April, 9, 2006.

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